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SUBJECT: US-UK CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS: STATUS REPORT

FOLLOWING FYI IS STATUS REPORT ON US-UK CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS.

1. WE HAVE MET CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE WEEKS IN EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON "HEARTLAND" ISSUES FOR NEW AIR SERVICES BILATERAL BETWEEN US, UK. MOVEMENT HAS BEEN SLOW, DESPITE UNDERSTANDING THAT JUNE 2-3 WOULD BE WATERSHED PERIOD, AS DELEGATIONS WOULD NEED TO ASSESS THEN LIKELIHOOD OF REACHING AGREEMENT BY JUNE 22.

2. IN EFFORT TO CLEAR LOGJAM, USDEL OFFERED WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY BOTTOM LINE US POSITION AT BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK. UK DID NOT RESPOND IN KIND; INSTEAD TERMED US PROPOSALS INADEQUATE, SAYING THEY WOULD PUT UK IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTOLERABLE SITUATION. THIS RESPONSE VIEWED SIMPLY AS NEGOTIATING POSTURE. ASSESSMENT IS THAT UK PURPOSE IS TO PROLONG TALKS, AVOID BREAK-OFF, AND HOPE FOR CONTINUED US CONCESSIONS UNTIL JUNE 22.

3. USDEL MAKING CLEAR DETERMINATION NOT TO YIELD ON ESSENTIAL COMPETITIVE ELEMENTS OF LEAVING CAPACITY

DETERMINATION TO AIRLINES (WITH RESTRAINT MECHANISMS TO GUARD AGAINST EXCESS CAPACITY); ABILITY OF US TO HAVE 2 AIRLINES TO LONDON FROM AT LEAST 2 US CITIES AND BEYOND RIGHTS SUFFICIENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF ECONOMICALLY VIABLE, APPROPRIATELY EXTENSIVE US INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT SYSTEM.

4. UKDEL INDICATED JUNE 3 SUBSTANTIAL UK ACCEPTANCE OF US POSITIONS, COULD GUARANTEE THAT THERE WILL BE NO POLITICAL CRISIS OVER AIR SERVICE AGREEMENT.

5. BASED ON SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS INDICATED, USDEL WILL REMAIN IN LONDON TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS AFTER SHORT BREAK FOR UK CELEBRATION OF QUEEN'S JUBILEE, AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED. USDEL MEETS JUNE 8, AND WITH UKDEL ON JUNE 9.

6. USDEL ADVISES WE ARE NOT OUT OF WOODS. WHILE OUTLINE OF AGREEMENT IS IN HAND, MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES NEED TO BE WORKED OUT IN DETAIL, AMONG THEM IN PARTICULAR, HK AND ALL-CARGO ROUTES. IMPORTANT TO KEEP UP PRESSURE ON UK. CARRIERS WILL BE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS FOR CESSATION CONTINGENCY.

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